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TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF NEW ROK AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

1. EARLY THIS AFTERNOON (DEC 3) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TELEPHONED CHARGE TO INFORM HIM THAT EARLIER GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF HAHM PYONG-CHUN AS AMBASSADOR TO U.S. "WAS INCORRECT."

2. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL EXPLAINED THAT ROKG IS NOW IN PROCESS OF REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR HAHM FROM USG AND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS APPOINTMENT DEFERRED UNTIL THAT RECEIVED.

3. COMMENT: BELATED MOFA APPROACH IS OBVIOUSLY FOR FORM'S SAKE AND IS ONE OF MORE NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF "WATER OVER THE DAM."  
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## Message Attributes

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